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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US- SOVIET AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT

FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

1. USDA, IN COORDINATION WITH STATE, HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO DEVELOP TEXT OF A POSSIBLE BILATERAL GOVT- TO- GOVT AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE.

2. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR BROAD AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WOULD PROVIDE BRIDGE FOR SOVIETS TO RESEARCH AVAILABLE FROM US PRIVATE FIRMS.

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3. WE PREPARED SEND USDA SPONSORED AND LED MISSION TO MOSCOW TO NEGOTIATE A BROADER AGREEMENT ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS. CARROLL BRUNTHAVER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COMMODITY PROGRAMS, WILL BE TEAM LEADER.

4. IN NEGOTIATING BROADER AGREEMENT WE WOULD WANT INCLUDE SEVERAL NEW ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO US SUCH AS (1) CROP FORECASTING (2) MEASUREMENT DEMAND FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INCLUDING IMPORT REQUIREMENTS (3) TRAVEL.

5. PLEASE CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS AND ADVISE WHEN NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN. FYI: WE PREFER NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW BECAUSE OF OUR DESIRE DISCUSS SOVIET AGRICULTURAL PURCHASE PLANS AND OTHER SUBJECTS. SOVIETS WILL CLEARLY READ THIS IN DESIGNATION BRUNTHAVER AS US TEAM LEADER. BRUNTHAVER WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL. END FYI IN APPROACHING SOVIETS YOU SHOULD TELL THEM THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IN THEIR TEXT AND WE ALSO HAVE A FEW NEW ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN BROADENED AGREEMENT. NEW US TEXT (WHICH YOU MAY PASS TO SOVIET OFFICIALS) WILL BE CABLED ASAP AND WILL FORM BASIS FOR US- USSR DISCUSS-IONS. MISSION IS PREPARED ARRIVE MAY 21 FOR STAY APPROX-IMATELY WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

6. HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSED BRUNTHAVER MISSION WITH KONYGIN MAY 10 AND HE WILL REPORT SAME TO MOSCOW. ROGERS

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